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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED Germany [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT 11 August 1950DATE OBTAINED 25 August 1950 DATE PREPARED 18 September 1950

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS _____

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1. Three twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes were in front of the closed hangars at Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 11 August 1950. * No AA gun emplacements were seen in the vicinity of the field.
2. The extension and widening of the old E-W runway to the west was almost completed. Telephone and light poles standing there indicated that this section of the runway was not yet in use. The total length of the runway was about 2,200 meters. Construction work was now concentrated on both sides of the new runway at the landing field. Tracks for dumpcars led to the southern edge of the landing field, where there were facilities for unloading large railroad cars. The dumpcars hauled earth to the landing field, which was to be raised to the same level as the runway. Two caterpillar tractors graded and rolled the earth. There were no indications that runway lights were to be installed. **
3. No radar set was seen on the landing field or in the vicinity of the airfield.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. No air unit was stationed at the field. The three aircraft were observed by the same source on 19 July 1950. See

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The status of the construction work indicates that the target date of 1 September 1950, given by another source, will be met. The runway will be about 2,200 meters long when the extension is completed. [REDACTED]

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